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1. MISSION AGREES WITH WASHINGTON ASSESSMENT OF EC MOTIVES AS CONTAINED PARA 8 REFTL (A). HOWEVER, WE HAVE RECENTLY QUESTIONED DUGIMONT OF EC COMMISSION AND LACEY OF U.K.; THEY SAY EC HAS NOT ACTUALLY COORDINATED EC ITS POSITION SINCE COUNCIL DISCUSSION.

2. WITH RESPECT FURTHER COMMENTS CONTAINED SAME PARAGRAPH RE WHAT POSITION OTHER MEMBERS OF WP LIKELY TO TAKE, WE WISH NOT THE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A WP AND A PANEL. AGREE THAT A FULLY OBJECTIVE PANEL WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO FIND POSITION TAKEN BY SIMONET ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, WP IS MORE POLITICAL ANIMAL THAN A PANEL; MEMBERS ARE PRESENT AS
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COUNTRY REPS AND NOT AS EXPERTS. MANY COUNTRIES REPRE-

SENTED ON WP HAVE IMPORTANT RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND CAN BE EXPECTED EXERCISE CAUTION ABOUT TAKING POSITIONS WHICH COULD INDIRECTLY COMPROMISE THEIR PRESENT SYSTEMS AND FUTURE OPTIONS. (NOTE: SWITZERLAND DECLINED PARTICIPATE IN WP BECAUSE IT DEALT WITH POSSIBLE INTERPRETATIONS OF ART. XI; SWEDEN ALSO DECLINED -- BOTH BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WISH PLACE SELVES IN CROSS-FIRE BETWEEN U.S. AND CANADA AND BECAUSE THEY TOO MAINTAIN RESTRICTIONS.)

3. NONETHELESS, WE BELIEVE U.S. CASE ON NULLIFICATION AND IMPAIRMENT IS STRONG. WE WILL INSIST THAT CONSIDERATION THIS QUESTION NOT BE WITHHELD PENDING OUTCOME OF ART. XI ASPECTS, AND WE WILL INSIST IT GET THOROUGH AIRING AT THIS OCT. 28-30 SESSION.

4. OUR READING OF REFEELS (C) AND (D) FROM OTTAWA IS THAT OUR OWN CASE ABOUT CANADA'S ABILITY TO CONTROL PRODUCTION HAS BEEN WEAKENED. URGE THAT DELEGATES COMING FROM WASHINGTON BE PREPARED HELP IN ASSESSMENT OF HOW BEST TO ADJUST OUR CASE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. ABRAMS

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